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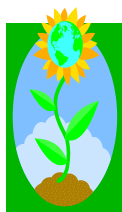
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Easter Raffle Drawn Friday 15th March
Please return your tickets and \$20.
Good luck everyone. What fabulous prizes are up for grabs. Thankyou for supporting your Kindy. We couldn't do it without you.

CAFHS Visit Thursday 4th April at Kindy.
If your child is 4.3 years of age they are eligible to have their free CAFHS screening at kindy. Sight, hearing, weight are checked and parents can discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child's health and wellbeing with the CAFHS nurse. Book in for an appointment at kindy.

KINDY FEES are due before or by Friday 5th April- week 10 with payment. \$100. We are at capacity with a waiting list for sessions so get them in promptly please to secure your child's place here.

Wk 10 THE DRUMMING MONKEYS at Kindy Tues 2nd April and Wed 3rd April cost \$8.00. Please see permission slip enclosed.

Wk 11 Tues 9th April. Dad's Evening at Kindy for the WED/THURS children 5pm to 6.50pm. Parent Voice Meeting to follow at 7pm.
This is your opportunity (for Dad's or Mum's) who don't get to visit Kindy to come and have a play with your child and celebrate their learning. Sorry no siblings. One parent per child.
Format for the evening will be that of a playgroup situation. Teachers will be at the Kindy to initially meet and greet and then

parents and children explore Kindy and have a play together.

Week 4 Tuesday 21st May DAD's Evening for the Mon/Tues group. 5pm to 6.50pm

Wk 11 Thurs 11th April Last day of term.
2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 29th April

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If your phone number or address change please put it in writing and give to Kerry. I must have an up to date phone number of an emergency contact person who is available during the day and lives within reasonable distance of the kindy. For Health and Safety reasons we are unable to keep sick children at kindy. If your child falls sick at kindy they will need to be collected within half an hour by either yourself or your emergency contact person.

Change of school notification

On your enrolment, families are asked to indicate the school that their child will attend. If you change your mind e.g. you listed Port Noarlunga P.S and then change your mind through the year you must contact the Port Noarlunga School to let them know. If you list Port Noarlunga P.S on your enrolment (as part of protocol for enrolment into that school) I then send your child's name across to the school so that they keep a space available for your child, so that you do not need to enrol separately.

*Please note: this only applies to families attending Port Noarlunga P.S.

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On Tuesday afternoons we have one of our fabulous relief teachers in named Julie. Julie has been working with us at Frieda Corpe Kindy for a number of years and is a well-respected teacher in the community. While Julie is here Annette and Jaz take weekly turns in having some admin time to write up the program, add to the visual diary and write learning stories. On a Wednesday and Thursday morning I have utilized our budget for extra staffing so that Ali (A fabulous ECW) can support staff with the learning needs of children in that group. Her focus at the

moment is working on children's social skills, fine motor skills, and numeracy skills.

Julie



Ali



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As a way of promoting the centre and keeping in contact with families you can read newsletters, get useful websites on parenting and see what's happening at kindy online.
www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au

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As part of our Sunsmart policy and in accordance With The Cancer Council S.A we will all still wear our suncream & hats outside until the U.V rays fall below 3.

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To those parents that have taken the washing home to do, it is such a huge help. If you haven't had your turn please see staff- we don't like to put out a roster we rather parents honestly just take their turn.

Thankyou to Garry Sutton for all of his hard work in keeping the outdoor environment looking fabulous and well maintained.

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Would you like to come in and cook with the children using vegetables from the garden? Please let us know and share your ideas. Or perhaps you would like to do some planting with the children?

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We value your feedback, comments and suggestions. Please have a chat with staff or use the feedback form to add your comments. If you do have a complaint please include your name so that we can discuss it with you in person. Thankyou

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Annette, Jaz and Kerry are catching up with parents whose children are in their second term of kindy to have a conversation about their development and progress. This forms part of your child's mid term report and can either be done by

a conversation during the session or if a longer chat is required parents can book in for a more formal conversation after hours. (The booking sheet is on the office door)

If your child is not in their second term of kindy but you have any questions, quires or concerns please mention this to staff so that we can arrange to have a conversation.

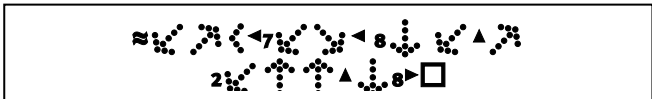
Have a look in your child's portfolio from time to time to read their learning stories and disposition pages. Their folder can be borrowed to take home and share with other family members by signing it out. Please take good care of it as it is an irreplaceable record of your child's learning journey at kindy.

Have you browsed through the black program folder that is by the front door? It depicts the children's learning ideas and documents the children's learning during the term.

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The Parent Voice (Governing Council) will meet again in Week 11 this term Tuesday 9th April from 7pm to 8.30pm we will discuss the National Standards and our up and coming assessment later next term. We will also look into remodelling our outdoor area and the importance of suitable active risk taking in play. If you are interested in supporting staff through this process you may like to join the Parent Voice. We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm to 8.15pm usually on week 4 and week 8 of the term.

We will discuss the DECD Improvement and Accountability process (DIAF) that staff engage in throughout the year to achieve and sustain high performance. Parents are always welcome to be involved in this process, if you are interested in being on the SIT (Site Improvement Team) please see Kerry.



Have you checked the community folder which is located in the parent information area where you sign in. It has lots of interesting events that are happening in our community. We cannot always fit them onto the parent notice board so do check it from time to time.

The latest info is about a free 8 week course at Aldinga on "Circle of Security Parenting" Ph Lauren 85565060. It is a fabulous course that covers how to help your child feel secure in relationships, how to help your child in managing difficult behaviours: tantrums, attention seeking, being clinging, plus lots lots more.

It is not often that we have opportunities to be involved in free courses, so take advantage. "The Circle of security information makes sense... it has really helped our family."



Will be available for viewing in week 11. If you wish to purchase that week you can. Otherwise they will be available to purchase next term.



Just as consistent routines greatly help children manage their days/ weeks so are clear expectations. You may have noticed we have relaxing music playing in the mornings now as you enter Kindy. Please chat with your child about coming into Kindy calmly and choosing a learning experience to engage in. Parents are more than welcome to stay until 9am (unless your child has difficulties separating then a 10 minute activity together usually works better and then say goodbye, having a staff member support your child. We ask parents that bring siblings to please look after their children at all times to honor our 4 year olds time at kindy and their learning experiences. We have a list of playgroups in the area that families can access for their play experiences.

Please remember The Kindy Garden/equipment/activities are set up for the Kindy children to engage in their learning. It is not a playground for older siblings. Perhaps families could consider taking older siblings to school first and then bringing your 4 year old to Kindy so that activities can be set up by educators in the morning and then left safely.



When it comes to bullying behaviours, your child might be the one affected- or shocking as this might be- your child might be the one doing the bullying. Bullying behaviours are not only physical but include verbal and emotional blackmail. "I'm not inviting you to my birthday if you don't....." "You can be my friend if you....." "I don't like you" "You're stupid" Behaviours of kicking, pushing, punching, pinching, biting, poking tongues out, spitting. As a parent- a child's most influential role model what example do you set for your children? How do you speak in front of your children? Does it involve

bribes or consequences? Do they hear arguments or discussions that young ears should not be privy to? Do they watch television programs or play playstation games that are inappropriate for their age? There are recommended viewing ages for a reason based on children's learning and their cognitive and emotional brain development. Children enact what they see and hear and have not developed the part of the brain that can understand and rationalize real v's not real. E.g. superheroes and cartoons being 'real' and not understanding that we do not function/live/play that way. Children might say 'it's pretend' without actually having the capacity to know what that actually means in reality. We often see children hitting and fighting each other saying they are being characters from various cartoons and games. You may have seen recently in the media the concern about bullying behaviours by children and adults within the community. Please help put a stop to bullying behaviour. Have a read of the information from the information enclosed from the "Raising children network" or visit their web site for a great read on a range of topics.

Engaged in learning through play.

Have you read the fortnightly program on the parent information board or looked through the visual diary? We have been following the children's interest in in the vegetable garden, music and movement, puppets and creating through an assortment of natural medium. We have also been engaging in many pre literacy experiences including rhyme and counting syllables in words and exploring alliteration. We are sharing many group games and activities to further skills in working together in harmony, collaboration, group entry skills, turn taking, social skills and promoting a sense of wellbeing and belonging as part of a group. Many of the activities encourage children to further develop their fine motor skills, problem solving skills, numeracy and mathematical skills and positive dispositions for learning. Powerful learning skills that we have been working on with the children include listening, respecting others, using protective behaviour strategies (using our words e.g STOP I feel sad when you....) problem solving, empathy, using our manners and calming strategies.



Calming strategies-Yoga, candle pose. Creating with natural materials. Gardening-look at our huge



Opening hearts and minds to lifelong learning. Kerry, Annette, Jaz, Tonia, Chris, Julie and Ali.